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SUBJECT: TWELVE SOCIALIST DEMANDS

SUMMARY: SOCIALIST BLOC STATES IT INSISTS ON COMPLETE
ACCEPTANCE OF TWELVE POINT POLICY OR IT WILL NOT JOIN
DEMOCRAT COALITION GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED AFTER FALL OF
KHUKRIT GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY

1. IN THE ONGOING POLITICAL DRAMA IN THAILAND THE SOCIALIST
BLOC FOR THE FIRST TIME HAS AGREED ON A COMMON PLATFORM.

KHLAEO NORAPATI, LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST UNITED FRONT,
STATED ON JANUARY 12 THAT THE SOCIALIST BLOC, MADE UP OF
THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THAILAND, THE SOCIALIST UNITED
FRONT, AND THE NEW FORCE PARTY, WILL INSIST ON FULL
ACCEPTANCE BY THE DEMOCRATS OF ITS TWELVE-POINT POLICY BEFORE
IT WILL JOIN IN ANY DEMOCRAT-LED COALITION AFTER THE FALL
OF THE KHUKRIT GOVERNMENT. THESE TWELVE POINTS LISTED
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BELOW HAD BEEN AGREED UPON TWO WEEKS AGO BEFORE THE SOCIALIST

BLOC BEGAN ITS CAMPAIGN TO UNSEAT KHUKRIT.

1. IMPERIALIST INFLUENCE IN ALL FORMS, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY, MUST BE ELIMINATED.
2. THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION MUST BE AMENDED TO ALLOW ALL POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES, LOWER THE MINIMUM AGE OF PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES AND VOTERS, AND ELIMINATE THE SENATE.
3. THE ANTI-COMMUNIST ACT MUST BE ABOLISHED WITHOUT SUBSTITUTION OF ANY BILL SUCH AS THE CONTROVERSIAL NATIONAL SECURITY MAINTENANCE BILL.
4. OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES MUST BE ACCELERATED.
5. POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS NOT TRIED BY THE COURT MUST BE RELEASED.
6. THAILAND'S FOREIGN POLICY MUST BE NON-ALIGNED, FRIENDLY WITH ALL COUNTRIES, AND EXISTING TREATIES AND ALL SECRET AGREEMENTS MADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES MUST BE REPUDIATED.
7. THE LAND PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED BY ELIMINATING ABSENTEE LANDLORDS, AND CULTIVATORS SHOULD BE ABLE TO TILL THEIR LAND WITHOUT EXPLOITATION BY LANDLORDS AND CAPITALISTS.
8. THE EXPANSION OF BENEFITS FROM ONLY THE FEW TO THE MANY WILL SERVE AS THE FOUNDATION FOR BUILDING A SOCIALIST WAY OF LIFE FOR BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS.
9. EQUAL RIGHTS AND SOME AUTONOMY MUST BE PROVIDED TO MINORITY GROUPS.
10. INDEBTED FARMERS MUST BE ASSISTED AND THEIR DEBTS CLEARED, AND AN AGRICULTURAL POOL FUND MUST BE SET UP TO HELP THE FARMERS.
11. ALL IMPORTANT ENTERPRISES SUCH AS OIL, RICE AND MINING, MUST BE NATIONALIZED AT ONCE, WHILE THE BANKING

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BUSINESS WOULD BE NATIONALIZED WITH COMPENSATION LATER.

12. SOCIAL SECURITY MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE UNEMPLOYED, THE AGED AND THE HANDICAPPED.
2. COMMENT: IF THE SOCIALIST BLOC HOLDS TO ITS DEMANDS, ITS CHANCES OF BEING INCLUDED IN ANY COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL BE CONSIDERABLY DIMINISHED. IT IS QUITE EVIDENT

THAT THE SOCIALISTS, ONLY A LITTLE MORE THAN 10 PER CENT OF THE MP'S
DO NOT REALLY BELIEVE THEY WILL AT THIS TIME BE INCLUDED
IN ANY COALITION AND ARE PLAINLY INTERESTED IN PRESSING
THEIR PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.
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